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The item below was filed by the A. P. to accompany  
it's coverage of Senator Goldwater's speech at the  
Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention.

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WALTER MATTHIAS, A CIA OFFICER, IN A JUNE REPORT ON VIET NAM  
MADE PUBLIC YESTERDAY, SAID THERE ARE "SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT VICTORY  
CAN BE WON" BUT THAT "A PROLONGED STALEMATE CAN BE ATTAINED" WITH  
CONTINUED U. S. AID.

MATTHIAS ADDED THAT "THERE IS ALSO A CHANCE THAT POLITICAL  
REVOLUTION WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND DEVELOPMENT UPON THE WORLD SCENE  
COULD LEAD TO SOME KIND OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BASED UPON  
NEUTRALIZATION."

THE ADMINISTRATION DEFENDED THE RIGHT OF A CIA OFFICER TO MAKE A  
PESSIMISTIC REPORT BUT SAID A POSSIBLE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BASED ON  
NEUTRALIZATION DOES NOT REPRESENT U. S. POLICY. IT ORDERED AN  
INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE HOW A CHICAGO NEWSPAPER OBTAINED THE SUB-  
STANCE OF MATTHIAS' REPORT WHICH HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY CLASSIFIED AS  
SECRET.

"STUDIES AND ANALYSES OF THIS KIND ARE FREQUENTLY WRITTEN WITHIN  
THE GOVERNMENT," ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY, STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICER  
TOLD NEWSMEN. "SUCH A PAPER IS NOT, NOR DOES IT PURPORT TO BE A  
STATEMENT OF POLICY ON ANY OF THE SUBJECTS WHICH IT DISCUSSES."

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID THERE IS A NEED FOR INTELLIGENCE  
OFFICERS TO "CALL THE SHOTS AS THEY SEE THEM" OBJECTIVELY AND  
WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PARTISAN POLITICS."

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